

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

JOHN D. KNECHT, an unmarried man,

Plaintiff,

vs.

FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE
COMPANY, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC.,
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST CO.
AS TRUSTEE FOR GSR MORTGAGE LOAN
TRUST 2006-0A1, MORTGAGE PASS-
THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-
0A1, AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE
SERVICING INC.

Defendants.

NO. 2:12-cv-01575 RAJ

FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE
INSURANCE COMPANY'S
ANSWER

Defendant Fidelity National Title Insurance Company ("Fidelity"), by and through its attorney of record, Daniel A. Womac, answers Plaintiff John D. Knecht's ("Plaintiff") Complaint (Dkt #1-1) as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

Fidelity responds to Plaintiff's Complaint based on all available information at this time and after reasonable investigation into each allegation. Unless specifically admitted in this

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1 Answer, Fidelity denies each and every allegation, claim and prayer contained in the Complaint.
2 Fidelity also reserves the right to amend this Answer based on information learned through
3 discovery or further investigation.

4 II. RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT – PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

5 1.1 The documents referenced in Paragraph 1.1 speak for themselves, and thus
6 require no response. Fidelity is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as
7 to any remaining allegations in Paragraph 1.1, and therefore denies the same.

8 1.2 The documents referenced in Paragraph 1.2 speak for themselves, and thus
9 require no response. Fidelity is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as
10 to any remaining allegations in Paragraph 1.2, and therefore denies the same.

11 1.3 The documents referenced in Paragraph 1.3 speak for themselves, and thus
12 require no response. Fidelity is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as
13 to any remaining allegations in Paragraph 1.3, and therefore denies the same.

14 1.4 The documents referenced in Paragraph 1.4 speak for themselves, and thus
15 require no response. Fidelity is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as
16 to any remaining allegations in Paragraph 1.4, and therefore denies the same.

17 1.5 The documents referenced in Paragraph 1.5 speak for themselves, and thus
18 require no response. Fidelity is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as
19 to any remaining allegations in Paragraph 1.5, and therefore denies the same.

20 1.6 Paragraph 1.6 states legal conclusions and thus requires no response. To the
21 extent that an answer is required, however, Fidelity admits that this Court has jurisdiction over
22 this matter.

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III. EXHIBITS AND EXPLANATIONS

2.1 The documents referenced in Paragraph 2.1 speak for themselves, and thus require no response. Fidelity is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to any remaining allegations in Paragraph 2.1, and therefore denies the same.

2.2 There are no allegations in Paragraph 2.2, and thus no response is required.

2.3 The documents referenced in Paragraph 2.3 speak for themselves, and thus require no response. Fidelity is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to any remaining allegations in Paragraph 2.3, and therefore denies the same.

2.4 The documents referenced in Paragraph 2.4 speak for themselves, and thus require no response. Fidelity is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to any remaining allegations in Paragraph 2.4, and therefore denies the same.

2.5 The documents referenced in Paragraph 2.5 speak for themselves, and thus require no response. Fidelity is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to any remaining allegations in Paragraph 2.5, and therefore denies the same.

2.6 The documents referenced in Paragraph 2.6 speak for themselves, and thus require no response. Fidelity is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to any remaining allegations in Paragraph 2.6, and therefore denies the same.

2.7 The documents referenced in Paragraph 2.7 speak for themselves, and thus require no response. Fidelity is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to any remaining allegations in Paragraph 2.7, and therefore denies the same.

2.8 The documents referenced in Paragraph 2.8 speak for themselves, and thus require no response. Fidelity is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to any remaining allegations in Paragraph 2.8, and therefore denies the same.

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1 Fidelity denies that Plaintiff is entitled to any relief as requested in Paragraph 3.5, and denies any
2 allegations in Plaintiff's summary of events.

3 3.6 Paragraph 3.1 A - C only states legal conclusions which do not comply with
4 Fed.R.Civ.P 8, and thus do not require a response. To the extent that any answer is required,
5 Fidelity denies that Plaintiff is entitled to any relief as requested in Paragraph 3.6, and denies any
6 allegations in Plaintiff's summary of events.
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8 V. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

9 4.1 Fidelity denies that Plaintiff is entitled to any relief as requested in his prayer, and
10 denies any and all allegations contained therein.

11 VI. AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

12 Fidelity sets forth the following affirmative defenses to any and all claims made by
13 Plaintiff in his Complaint. Fidelity reserves the right to amend or supplement these affirmative
14 defenses following discovery and further investigation into Plaintiff's claims.
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16 1. Plaintiff's claims fail to state a claim against Fidelity upon which relief can be
17 granted.

18 2. Plaintiff's claims are barred by equitable doctrines including but not limited to
19 unclean hands, waiver, avoidable consequence, laches and/or estoppel.
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21 3. Plaintiff's claims are barred because he failed to mitigate his damages, if any.

22 4. Plaintiff's claims are barred because he assumed the risk that he would not be able
23 to pay his mortgage as provided in the requisite contracts/notes.

24 5. Plaintiff's claims may be barred by applicable statute of limitations.

25 6. Plaintiff's claims may be barred by the economic loss doctrine.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the date given below I caused to be served the foregoing
FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY'S ANSWER on the following
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SIGNED this 27th day of March, 2013.

/s/ Daniel Womac

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